

May 27, 2003

Re: Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures

Dear Sir/Madame:

In accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Rule 4415.0105, attached is a copy of a Minnesota Environmental Quality Board application for a Pipeline Routing Permit and Partial Exemption from Pipeline Route Selection Procedures. As part of this permit process, MnSP will be holding a "Public Meeting" on June 9, 2003 as further described in the attached Public Notice.

Minnesota Soybean Processors (MnSP) proposes to construct a four and one-half-inch steel natural gas pipeline from an interconnection with Northern Natural Pipeline Company (NNPL) near Brewster, MN to the MnSP processing plant under construction near Brewster, MN.

The proposed 6.4-mile natural gas pipeline will begin at a tap on the Northern Natural Pipeline in the northwest ¼ of Section 30 in Ewington Township in Jackson County approximately 133 feet east of the section line (the centerline of TH-264) and 503 feet south of the north section line. The pipeline then runs north approximately 573 feet to a point approximately 70 feet north of the centerline of Jackson County Road Number 34. Then, it turns west to a point about 600 feet west of Trunk Highway 264 (the road dividing Nobles and Jackson County). From this point, the line will proceed northward, approximately 600 feet west of Highway 264 Nobles County Road 1) through Lorain and Hersey Townships. The proposed pipeline will terminate at the Minnesota Soybean Processors plant under construction in the southeast ¼ of Section 24 in Hersey Township just north of Brewster.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance. You can reach us at 1.701.391.0528 (Cell) or 1.701.224.5857 (Office).

Sincerely,

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Cc: Larry Hartman – Minnesota Environmental Quality Board